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SERVICES
Sunday Bible Study 9:45am
Morning Worship 10:45 am
Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

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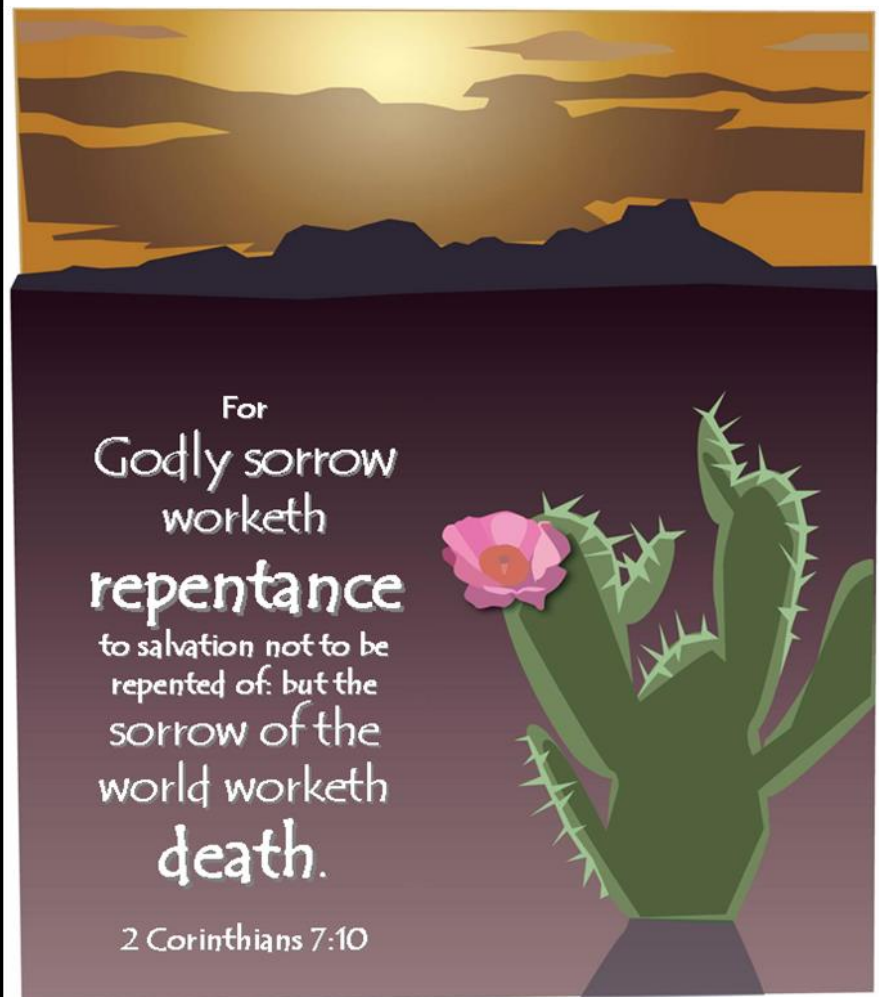
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For
Godly sorrow
worketh
repentance
to salvation not to be
repented of: but the
sorrow of the
world worketh
death.

2 Corinthians 7:10

We offer FREE: 4 Bible correspondence course series by mail:
an 8 lesson series by Hurt, a 6 lesson series "Acts Of The Apostles"
by Pharr, the "Studies In The Bible" 30 lesson series, and the
20 lesson series "Getting To Know Jesus" by Pharr. Let everyone know!

The Consequences of Pleasing Men

Wisdom is found in Paul's statement to the Christians in Galatia: "For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I still pleased men, I would not be a bondservant of Christ. But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man" (Gal. 1:10-11). The consequence of pleasing men is that God is no longer the focus of what you do in your life. When people are pleased, the world is pleased. Throughout the Gospels, Jesus Christ did not please every person He came across! Several times, Jesus upset others because they were not pleasing God (John 2:13-22, 5:1-18, 8:48-59). Our Lord taught His disciples that the world would hate them for His name's sake (John 15:18-19).

Balaam is a great example of what can happen when a person decides to please men rather than God. Balak, king of the Moabites, sent messengers to Balaam requesting that he come and curse the children of Israel. God spoke to Balaam and told him not to go with these princes of Moab. Balaam sent the messengers away, but more returned and Balaam showed a desire to go with them. The Lord had already given Balaam His answer, but He gave Balaam the free-will to decide for himself what he would do (Num. 22:9-21). God was not pleased with Balaam's decision. The angel of the Lord was sent to kill Balaam for his treachery against God (Num. 22:22-23). Balaam decided to please men rather than our Lord. When Saul decided to overstep his authority as king of Israel and sacrifice on behalf of his army, he was pleasing men. Saul was from the tribe of Benjamin; priests came from the tribe of Levi and were the only people who could make sacrifices on behalf of God's people! Saul had a lapse in judgment when his desire to please men outweighed his desire to please God (1 Sam. 13:8-12). The punishment for such a transgression was the kingdom departed from Saul's family (1 Sam. 13:13-14). When one recalls the punishment brought against Nadab and Abihu, which was similar to Saul's sinful action (Lev. 10:1-2), God showed mercy to Saul that day! King Saul learned a lesson of the consequences of being a people-pleaser. We should learn from the mistakes of those who came before us so that we do not repeat them.

The decision is simple for a Christian. One must serve God rather than man throughout the longevity of their lives (Acts 5:29)! The Lord requires complete service to Him and His kingdom; anything less is unacceptable. Three different men came to Jesus Christ and showed a desire to be in His service. All three times Jesus told them to count the cost of being His disciples (Luke 9:57-62). Matthew is the shining example of what one should do when Christ beckons someone into His service. He was called by Christ and Matthew immediately followed Him (Matt. 9:9). When one realizes that Christ suffered death on a cross for him, it should motivate him to serve Jesus with the remainder of his life (Gal. 2:20)!

God has always asked man to love Him with all of his heart, soul, and mind (Deut. 6:5; Matt. 22:36-37). Many of the Jewish rulers believed Jesus to be the Christ, but because they loved the praise of men more; they rejected Him (John 12:35-43). Pleasing men will only last a short season, but pleasing God shall last for eternity.

-Brandon Foresha

News & Notes



Sermons This Week

AM: Independently Wealthy
 PM: Repentance vs. Remorse
 Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 7:6-13

Dates to Remember

- Jul 22-26– Vacation Bible School 6:30-8:30p
Jul 28– WVCYC Singing week
Aug 9– All Youth Lock-in– 5pm– annex
Aug 11– Morning Pointe Singing & Bible study
 -2p
Aug 11– Ice Cream Social– 7p– annex
Aug 16-22– Polishing the Pulpit, Sevierville
Sep 13– Potluck luncheon-12p– annex
Sep 13-15– Our Seminar with Eric Lyons-
 “Is the Bible Reliable?”
Oct 26– Trunk O’ Treats/ Chili Supper– 6p
Nov 3– Bring A Friend Day
Nov 3– Potluck luncheon– 12p– annex
Dec 7– Scott’s Pancake breakfast– 8a– annex
Dec 14– Ladies Holiday Party– Kathy Hall’s
 home– 6p

Elders, Deacons, Preachers Meet

This group will meet today at 4:30pm in the annex auditorium.

Communion Bread

Due to the gluten sensitivity of some of our members, we are now using gluten-free bread for the communion table.

VBS Week!

Tomorrow begins our Vacation Bible School. Please, invite all your friends. There are classes for all ages! Everyone is encouraged to attend every night.

Address Directories

There are updated member address directories for you in a basket on the foyer round table. Please, take one or two for home & car, if needed.

August Youth Lock-in

August 9th beginning at 5pm and ending the next morning at 8am, Brandon & Amber Foresha will host an overnight all youth lock-in. Brandon is asking any adult that can come for a few hours, please, see him for scheduling. You will not have to stay the entire night unless you have a child under 12. Children under 12 should be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult.

Members Pictures

Please, speak with Wendy Berry regarding the best time to schedule your picture. And please, have a recent photo taken, especially if you have children. We would like everyone to have the same background for the directory and picture board to look its best. Thank you.

Have you contacted
 a shut-in lately?
 Why not today?



Gauging Our Faith

	<u>07/14/19</u>	<u>Goal</u>	<u>07/15/18</u>
Bible Study	nc	110	108
AM Worship	nc	160	164
PM Worship	nc	110	99
Mid Week	90	110	97
Contribution:	\$6556.67	\$6200.00	\$5786.92

☞ Today's Servants ☞

WELCOME:

AM/PM: Greg Hall

SONG LEADER:

AM: Steve Wallace

PM: Brad Morris

FIRST PRAYER:

AM: Greg Conley

PM: Daniel Goshorn

LORD'S TABLE*:

Presiding AM: Jordan Conley

Assisting: Mark Gullett,
David Smith, John Gambill,
Chris Legg, Ernie Perry,
Jarred Nickell, Nelson Ward
*gluten-free bread

Presiding PM: Jerry Sturgill

Assisting: Chris Scott

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: Ben Poling

PM: Nathan Adkins

☞ Wednesday Servants ☞

WELCOME: VBS

SONG LEADER: VBS

PRAYER: VBS

DEVOTIONAL: VBS

☞ Weekly Servants ☞

POWER POINT: Matt Vonderheide

BLDG. ATTENDANT: David Smith

ATTENDANCE: Jordan Maynard

COORDINATOR: David Smith

★★★ Youth Notes ★★★

★★ Every Sunday ★★

Pew Packers

5:45 pm in front auditorium
geared to age 12 & under,
but everyone can come
-Boys: have a song to lead

★★ July 22- July 26 ★★

Vacation Bible School

6:30-8:30p nightly

Invite your friends!!

★★ Aug 9-10 ★★

Youth Lock-in

5pm- annex- ages under 12 must be
accompanied by a parent/adult



Welcome, Visitor!

We are so pleased to have you as
our guest today.

If you are a first-time visitor with us,
please, fill out a 'visitor card' that you
find on the back of the pew. Please, put it
in the collection plate or hand it to one of
the men at the doors as you exit.

We have tract racks on the wall in the
foyer with **free tracts and literature**. We
offer **free Bible correspondence courses** you
can receive by mail at no cost to you. Let
our preacher know if you would like to set
up an **in-home Bible study**. Thank you
for attending.